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SUBJECT: AGENDA FOR SPRING, 1977 MEETING OF JOINT STANDING
COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR AND OTHER ENERGY TECHNOLOGY MATTERS

1. IT WAS AGREED AT THE JUNE 15, 1976 US/KOREA DIS-
CUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON (ITEM H OF AGREED SUMMARY RECORD
OF DISCUSSION) THAT THE NEXT DISCUSSIONS ON PEACEFUL
USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AND OTHER ENERGY MATTERS WILL
TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE JOINT STANDING
COMMITTEE. IT WAS FURTHER AGREED THAT THE JOINT STANDING
COMMITTEE SHOULD MEET IN SEOUL IN THE SPRING OF 1977
AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ROK.

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DEPARTMENT LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 26, 1976 ACKNOWLEDGED
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND IN SO DOING,
STATED THAT COMMITTEE'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA WILL INCLUDE
REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES I; PROGRESS UNDER THE SEVERAL
EXISTING AGREEMENTS ON PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR AND
OTHER ENERGY TECHNOLOGY MATTERS. THESE INCLUDE THE
SISTER LABORATORY ARRANGEMENT, THE AGREEMENT ON

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND THE NRC/MOST
ARRANGEMENT FOR EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON
REGULATORY AND SAFETY RESEARCH MATTERS AND COOPERATION
IN DEVELOPMENT OF SAFETY STANDARDS.

2. WE ARE INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING A JOINTLY AGREED
AGENDA FOR THE SPRING 1977 MEETING. THIS AGEND; SHOULD
BE MORE BALANCED WITH REGARD TO NON-NUCLEAR AND NUCLEAR
TOPICS THAN PREVIOUSLY IN ORDER TO LEND ADDED INTEREST
TO THE TOTAL SUBJECT OF ENERGY TECHNOLOGY.

3. THE DEPARTMENT AND INTERESTED AGENCIES WOULD
APPRECIATE EMBASSY VIEWS, PRIOR TO ANY DIRECT INQUIRY
TO ROK, OF POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AT PLANNED
SPRING 1977 JOINT MEETING. FOLLOWING OUR REVIEW OF
YOUR SUGGESTIONS, WE WOULD PLAN TO INVITE ROK RESPONSE
TO A USG PRELIMINARY LISTING OF SUCH TOPICS AND THEIR
PRIORITIES. IN THIS REGARD, DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING
KNFDC DIRECTOR'S RECENT SUGGESTION CONCERNING PERSONNEL
EXCHANGE AS A POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEM. SEE SEPTTEL TO
FOLLOW.

4. IN ORDER TO ASSIST IN YOUR PLANNING FOR SUITABLE
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING DATES AT SEOUL, NOTE
THAT CURRENT DEPARTMENT AND ERDA PREFERENCE IS FOR
WEEK OF MAY 23 OR SOON THEREAFTER.

5. THE SUCCESS OF OUR JUNE MEETINGS WAS DUE IN LARGE
MEASUR; TO EMBASSY EFFORTS TO COORDINATE AND TO REACH
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AGREEMENT ON TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION SUFFICIENTLY IN
ADVANCE OF THOSE MEETINGS TO PERMIT ADEQUATE PREPARA-
TION BY BOTH SIDES. IT IS WITH THIS SAME PURPOSE IN
MIND THAT DEPARTMENT WILL WELCOME YOUR EARLY RECOM-
MENDATIONS CONCERNING THE PLANNED DISCUSSIONS FOR THE
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